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Since the dispute in question is between the US Government and Microsoft, a possible condition for settlement might be instruct all US Government, all its agencies and their associated contractors NOT to do business with Microsoft. I have worked for the US Navy for 37 years as an IT professional, and I assure you there are plenty of alternative software systems and applications in the marketplace to pick from to do our daily business. This NO Business clause would include all Microsoft operating systems, Network browsers, Enterprise e-mail servers, Office applications, drawing tools and database tools.

Simply deny Microsoft the business of the US Government! To implement this decision is rather simple. Modify Federal procurement regulations directing all Contracting agencies and Contracting Officers to NOT do business with Microsoft and directing the same agencies to replace existing Microsoft products within a certain time period, (i.e. 18 months) The cost of this transition would be paid for by Microsoft as part of the penalty clause, thus costing the taxpayers nothing.

This response would punish Microsoft appropriately and reward companies like Apple, Netscape and Sun, who are viewed by the public as the victims.

The message would be straight and clear. The US Federal Government will not do business with a "monopoly" in any way, shape or form. Our government is large enough to make a difference to the business income of Microsoft. At the same time, businesses that were the victims of these un-business like tactics would be rewarded by additional sales and support.

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